

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of controlling, from an information carrier player, user access to information on an information carrier loaded in the information carrier player, and to a server, said information carrier being associated with a preset parental control level (DVD_PCL), and said information carrier player being associated with a current parental control level selected from among a set of parental control levels, said method of controlling comprising the steps of:

receiving the preset parental control level associated with said information carrier;

comparing said current parental control level and said preset parental control level;

authorizing or not authorizing access to the information on said information carrier in dependence on said comparing step;

associating a list of server addresses with said parental control levels; and

restricting the user access to the server addresses in said list having parental control level lower than or equal to said current parental control level.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said method further comprises a first control sub-step for deactivating said restricting step.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein said method further comprises a second control sub-step for forbidding the user access to any server address.

4. (Currently Amended) An information carrier player for controlling reading of information on an information carrier loaded therein which is associated with a preset parental control level, and for controlling user access to a server, said information carrier player being associated with a current parental control level selected from among a set of parental control levels, said information carrier player comprising:

means for receiving the preset parental control level associated with said information carrier;

means for comparing said current parental control level and said preset parental control level to form a first control signal;

~~Switching~~ switching means, controlled by said first control signal, for authorizing or not authorizing the reading of the information on said information carrier;

association means for associating a list of server addresses with said parental control levels; and

control means for restricting user access to servers on the list having associated parental control levels lower than or equal to said current parental control level.

5. (Previously Presented) A method of controlling, from an information carrier player, user access to information on an information carrier loaded on said information carrier player, and to a server, said information carrier being associated with a preset parental control level, and said information carrier player being associated with a current parental control level selected from among a set of parental control levels, said method of controlling comprising the steps of:

receiving the preset parental control level associated with said information carrier;

comparing said current parental control level and said preset parental control level;

authorizing or not authorizing access to the information on said information carrier in dependence on said comparing step;

comparing said current parental control level and the highest parental control level of said set of parental control levels; and

authorizing or not authorizing access to said server in dependence on said comparing.

6. (Currently Amended) An information carrier player for controlling the reading of information on an information carrier loaded thereon which is associated with a preset parental control level, and for controlling user access to a server, said information carrier player being associated with a current parental

control level selected from among a set of parental control levels,
said information carrier player comprising:

means for receiving the preset parental control level
associated with said information carrier;

10 | first means for comparing said current parental control
level and said preset parental control level to form a first
control signal;

first switching means, controlled by said first control
signal, for authorizing or not authorizing the reading of
15 information on said information carrier;

| second means for comparing the current parental control
level and the highest parental control level to form a second
control signal; and

second switching means, controlled by said second control
20 signal, for authorizing or not authorizing the access to said
server.

7-8. (Cancelled).